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### **Marthaler wins Health Department's service award**

**(Lawrence, KS)** – Charlotte Marthaler, Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department Director of Policy and Planning, was awarded the Kay Kent Excellence in Public Health Service Award Wednesday.

Marthaler has worked at the Health Department for 11 years and was nominated by Barbara Schnitker, Director of Clinic Services.

“Charlotte’s dedication and thoughtful guidance are assets in the provision of quality public health services,” Schnitker said in her nomination.

In addition to Marthaler, six other Health Department employees – Pat Meyers, Kim Ens, Lisa Horn, Ginger Salmans, Dee Evans and Laurie Moser – were nominated by their peers for the honor, with the winner selected by the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Board.

The award is named after Kay Kent, who served as Director of the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department for 33 years. She is credited with building the Department into what it is today – from an agency with less than 10 employees and a handful of services in 1973, to a department of 50 employees, offering multiple community services.

Kent’s visionary leadership, dedicated work and passion for public health are the inspiration for the award, presented each year to an outstanding employee during National Public Health Week.

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